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23<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: A Level Geography Field Studies Trip - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> -Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

As part of the A Level course, students are required by the exam board, to undertake 4 days of compulsory field studies. The data collection programme can come from any element of the A Level course, however, the team have chosen two key areas which are: -

1. Re-branding places
2. Coasts – Protection/Conflict

The planning for the Residential has been delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictions that have been in place. With restrictions being reduced A Level students will need to complete the Field Studies section of the course. The Government has indicated that from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 schools have authorisation to take students on residential within the UK.

The Geography Field Studies week will enable a ‘hands on’ approach to data collection which, if the students wish, they can apply to their own programme of study when they return. The main objective of the week is to for a student to be able to collect sufficient data and to produce an individual geographical report which has a **20%** weighting in marks upon when A Level grades are awarded in 2022.

It is proposed that all A Level Geography student undertake a field studies programme from **21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021** in Swanage. This Field Studies takes place during Sixth Form lesson time but is an essential part of the A Level course and has been authorised by the Headmaster. Students will be expected to catch up on work missed in their other subjects. The residential falls the two weeks after the end of year examination period.

The cost of this field trip, which includes four night’s full board accommodation at The Townsend Centre Swanage, transportation to and from Swanage, and to our daily focus areas (Swanage – Boscombe – Lulworth Cove – Studland). It also includes the cost of supporting tutors from Leeson House Education Centre and use of their equipment and resources. The overall cost is **£395**.

**Payment Plan**

Deposit of **£100** payable by **7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Second payment of **£100** payable by **28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Final Payment** of **£195** payable by **18th June 2021**

Payments can be made via Parent Pay, which is the easiest and most secure method of payment. I understand that there may be issues with payment as this is at short notice. If you need to discuss the payments, then please contact me via email in the first instance [Toneill@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:Toneill@nsb.northants.sch.uk) – and I will do my best to help.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it together with the enclosed Medical Consent/Pupil Information Form fully completed & signed to Mrs T O’Neill at school by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T O’Neill  
Head of Geography

**REPLY SLIP TO MRS T O'NEILL IN F8 BY 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Re: A Level Geography Field Studies 2021**

I/We\* do/do not\* give permission for my/our\* son/daughter\* to take part in the A Level Geography Field Studies trip from Mon 21<sup>th</sup> -Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

I/We\* understand the cost of the trip is **£395**.

Payment in full will be required by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. I/We\* also acknowledge that by signing this form I/we\* am/are\* requesting a place and in the event of my/our\* son/daughter\* not attending the full payment will be made unless prior arrangements have been made with Mrs O'Neill.

I/We\* believe that I/We\* may qualify for financial assistance. Y / N (please indicate)

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(\*Delete as necessary)*